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## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, 1894-95.

To the Honorable the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan:

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with the rule requiring the librarian to present to you annually in October a statement of the expenditures, extent, increase, use, etc., of the library for the twelve months previous, I have the honor to submit the following report for the year 1894-95.

There were in all the libraries, September 30, 1895, 98,707 volumes, 17,241 unbound pamphlets, and 1,151 maps.

Of these there were in the General Library 79,342 volumes, 15,759 unbound pamphlets, and 1,151 maps; in the Law Library 11,805 volumes; in the Medical Library 6,815 volumes and 1,482 unbound pamphlets, and in the Library of the Dental College 745 volumes.

During the year 450 periodicals were regularly received as follows: in the General Library, 320; in the Medical Library, 110; in the Law Library, 7; and in the Library of the Dental College, 13.

### THE GENERAL LIBRARY.

In additions to the General Library during the year were 4,987 volumes, 517 unbound pamphlets, and 151 maps. Of these 2,817 volumes, 101 unbound pamphlets, and 38 maps, were bought; 1,557 volumes, 416 unbound pamphlets, and 113 maps, were presented, and 613 volumes were the result of binding periodicals.

The total amount of bills certified to by me for this library was \$8,589.95. Of this sum \$5,248.76 were for books, pamphlets, and maps; \$1,966.96 were for annual subscriptions to periodicals, and \$1,374.23 for binding and mending.

PURCHASES.—I cannot better indicate the policy of the Library Committee of the Faculty in expending the money placed at their disposal by you (\$11,000.00 for the eighteen months from January 1, 1894, to June 30, 1895), than by quoting portions of their report to the Faculty in regard to that expenditure.

"The number of departments receiving appropriations for the purchase of special books and periodicals was twenty-four, viz.: Departments of American History, Animal Morphology, Astronomy, Botany, Education, Engineering, English, General Chemistry, Geology, Germanic Languages, Greek, History, Latin, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Metallurgy, Mineralogy, Pharmacy, Philosophy, Physics, Political Economy, Romance Languages, Semitic Languages, Zoology.

To each of these departments the sum of \$200.00 was assigned. There was also set aside for subscriptions to periodicals of a general nature and for binding, mending and transportation, the sum of \$2,150.00."

Among the more important purchases made from the balance of \$4,050.00 were the following:

Cambridge Philosophical Transactions, 1822-1889.....	\$ 137 87
Zeitschrift für Mathematischen und Naturwissenschaft- lichen Unterricht, vols. 1-25.....	63 65
Challenger Expedition, 32 vols. in 48, and 2 vols. of sum- maries .....	317 57
Journal de l'Ecole Polytechnique, tomes 1-29.....	110 00
Gilbert's Annalen der Physik, 1799-1819, 60 Bde.....	130 32
Surtees Society, vols. 1-90.....	203 00
Chertsey Worthies Library, 14 vols.....	52 50
Ballad Society, 1868-1894.....	47 25
Hermes, 14 vols.....	68 75
Publications of the Modern Language Association, 10 vols.....	44 00
Phonetische Studien, and Die Neuere Sprache, 8 vols....	25 00
Report of Hepburn Committee on Railway Management, 5 vols.....	50 00
The London Economist, 48 vols.....	150 00

In addition to the above purchases a number of incomplete sets of periodicals were filled up. Catalogues of second hand books, and of sales at auction were carefully examined and from them have been obtained, at low prices, many rare and valuable books that appear in the market only at long intervals.

GIFTS.—From the Bridge House Estates Commission of the Corporation of the City of London, was received a fine illustrated quarto volume entitled, "History of the Tower Bridge and of the other Bridges over the Thames built by the Corporation of London." By Charles Welch, Librarian of the Corporation of London. It is a volume of great historical and scientific interest.

In the distribution of books by the King of Siam in commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of his reign, this library was a recipient in common with many other libraries of the country. The royal gift consists of 39 volumes of the sacred writings of the Southern Buddhists, known as the *Tripitaka*. They are printed in the Siamese character. Directions for transliteration are given in each volume. While these are practically sealed books as regards their contents, they are extremely interesting as specimens of contemporary book-making on the other side of the globe.

As already reported to you, the General Electric Company of the State of New York, has made this library one of its depositories for the reports of cases at law regarding electrical patents. The collection consists, at present, of 17 bound volumes, and a small quantity of unbound matter. These volumes have a value to electricians that is only barely suggested by the title. Accompanying the printed matter are numerous photographs, and reproductions by wood-engraving, illustrating the successive applications of electricity, and especially to the propulsion of cars.

Dr. S. A. Jones, of this city, has continued his practice of presenting rare books. Among those given this year are the two following:

The Faust of Goethe, attempted in English rhyme, by the Honorable Robert Talbot.

The Life and Times of Girolamo Savonarola. By John A. Heraud.

These volumes were used by their authors to receive their corrections for second editions, "in case," as the Hon. Mr. Talbot remarks in a manuscript note in his book, "such should ever be called for."

Of the Stevens' Facsimiles, contributed by Clarence M. Burton, Esq., of Detroit, volumes 21, 22, and 23 were received.

Professor S. F. Peckham, a resident of the city, gave a quantity of matter, largely geological, which has been found useful in many ways.

From Albert M. Todd, Esq., of Kalamazoo, was received the *Editio Princeps* of the works of Galen, in 5 quarto volumes, printed by Aldus Manutius at Venice in 1525. This work was originally in the library of Count Melzi, an Italian *litterateur*, and is a beautiful specimen of early typography.

Valuable gifts were also received from President Angell, Professors Demmon, Hinsdale, Kelsey, Hempl, Dr. S. A. Green of

Boston, Dr. L. G. Doane of New York City, Mrs. C. H. Richmond, and others.

The Treasurer reports in regard to the Coyl bequest of \$10,000 that it has been on interest since October 25, 1894. Inasmuch as it was the design of the donor that the income be regularly expended, I respectfully suggest that the Treasurer be instructed to notify the librarian annually what amount of income is available, and that the Library Committee of the Faculty be authorized to expend it in such a manner as will best meet the needs of the Library.

Concerning the Ford-Messer Fund I have no information except that a portion of it has been received.

USE OF THE LIBRARY.—The following statistics in regard to the use of the library are taken from a carefully prepared report of Mr. Finney, the assistant in charge of circulation:

Recorded use of the Library from Oct. 1, 1894, to Sept.

30, 1895.....	122,352 vols.
Number of volumes drawn and used by members of the Faculties, and others.....	6,469

Total recorded use..... 138,821

This is an increase of 3,001 volumes over the year 1893-94. It has been stated in former reports that the *recorded* use of the library constitutes about two-thirds of the actual use. Circumstances are continually changing this ratio. The *unrecorded* use is gaining much more rapidly than the recorded use and is now put by Mr. Finney at about one-half of the actual use.

The daily average number of readers in the Reading Room was 145.

There is an increased use of the library by women. Their attendance has increased in three years from 33½ per cent. to 41 per cent. This increase has been especially apparent in the evening.

On two occasions during the year—a week in December and a week in March—the character of readers was ascertained. The result of these tests showed that 95.79 per cent. were University students, 2.27 per cent. High School students, and 1.94 per cent. citizens of Ann Arbor, and others.

The privileges of the book-room were granted to 75 students. Under the rule in force this was the whole number that could be admitted.

During the two semesters 386 students were admitted to the

Seminary rooms, as follows: 97 to the East Room for the study of History, Political Economy, Philosophy and Pedagogy; and 289 to the West Room for the study of English, French, and German Literature, and Greek and Latin Literature and Art.

CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.—Of the nine volumes reported lost last year, one, viz., Parkman's "Jesuits in North America," has been found.

Ten volumes are reported lost, or found so defective as to render their retirement necessary, during the time covered by this report. They are:

Brewer, E. C. The Historic Note Book.

Brace, C. L. Races of the Old World.

Bunyan, John. Pilgrims Progress, 1864.

Phillips, Wendell. Speeches, Lectures, and Letters.

Emerson, R. W. Works, as follows: Essays, 1st and 2nd series, 2 vols.; English Traits; Representative Men; Miscellanies; Poems; in all 6 vols. Boston: 1860-64.

It is quite probable that some of these will reappear.

The condition of the books has been observed carefully and those needing repairs have received immediate attention. Where books are used constantly, as very many in the University Library are, repairing and rebinding must go on constantly.

We have for a long time needed some means of keeping separate from the great mass of books, and securely, those volumes that are, for one reason or another, rare and valuable, and often frail. If suffered to stand on the shelves with other books they come to harm in the hands of persons who are ignorant of their value. I am glad, therefore, to report, that during the winter several closed cases were constructed in the stock-room, in which our rarities can be safely placed. The building and the books underwent the usual cleaning process during the summer.

THE WORK OF THE YEAR.—What may be called the routine work of the library—that necessary to catalogue its acquisitions and serve its readers—has been done, and something has been accomplished in the work of clearing off the accumulations of past years. The revision and transcription of the subject portion of the old catalogue has been practically finished, and the greater portion of the duplicate and fugitive matter referred to in the last report, removed from the basement to the duplicate room, or incorporated in the working material of the library.

THE LIBRARY FORCE.—Mr. Jordan, in charge of the catalogue, and Mr. Finney in charge of circulation, continue their ser-

vices as heretofore. Mr. Voorhees, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Jennings, desk attendants, remain another year. Mr. Lautner, desk attendant last year, will have charge of the East Seminary Room. His place at the desk will be filled by Mr. Chas. G. Simonds. In the West Seminary Room Mr. Covell has been succeeded by Mr. P. W. Dykema.

Miss Angell will continue her services as assistant to Mr. Jordan in cataloguing. Mr. A. H. Hopkins, general assistant, resigned in July to accept the position of assistant librarian of the Crerar Library at Chicago. The Library Committee of the Faculty, after careful consideration of the qualifications of applicants for the vacant place, recommended to the Executive Committee the appointment of Mrs. Mary W. Loomis, of Cherokee, Iowa. Mrs. Loomis was graduated from Lenox College, Iowa, in 1879, and during the year 1884-85 was a special student in the University of Michigan. In 1888 she entered the New York State Library School and completed the course of study given there. Since the completion of her studies she has been engaged, the greater part of the time, in library work.

In going from the University Library to his new position Mr. Hopkins makes a step in advance in his chosen profession and is to be congratulated. His absence from here, after eight years of continuous service, systematically and conscientiously performed, will be felt and regretted. The good wishes of his associates follow him.

THE WORK OF THE PRESENT YEAR.—Beyond the routine work our efforts will be mainly to perfect the catalogue and to extend it to the Macmillan Shakespeare Library for which we have only a hastily constructed finding list.

The Library is now open continuously from 8 A. M. to 10 P. M., a period of 14 hours.

As we enter upon the work of the new year we find ourselves face to face with a difficulty that has been for some time perceptible in the distance. This is a lack of room for the accommodation of books. The regular shelving was practically exhausted two years ago. Since that time we have been using temporary shelving placed along the walls of the book-room. It will be possible, perhaps, by closing up all of the gaps on the shelves and by the use of temporary shelves wherever space can be found for them, to dispose of the acquisitions of the year. After that, until we can have for library purposes that portion of the building now occupied by the Art Collections, or an addition is made to the

stack-room, it will be necessary to pile them in heaps on the floor. Not only shelf room for books is needed, but also room for their more convenient use. Not unfrequently there are more readers in the Reading Room than can be accommodated with seats; while many more have access to what we call the Seminary Rooms than can be seated there at one time. For proper seminary work there are no rooms. Professors who are teaching graduate students, and the more advanced of the undergraduates, feel somewhat keenly our inferiority in this respect to most of the colleges of the same rank, and to some of the smaller colleges. Students, too, are influenced by these conveniences in their choice of a place to pursue their studies.

I know that the present is not a favorable time to urge necessities even, that involve a considerable expenditure of money. And yet it is one of my functions to watch events in my department and to signify to you the approach of anything like disaster. It is certain that a congested state of things is upon us already, and if no remedy is applied the usual results must follow. I trust that when happier times financially shall return that this subject of enlargement of the library will receive the attention it deserves.

#### THE OTHER LIBRARIES.

The additions to the Medical Library were 1,041 volumes, and 387 unbound pamphlets. Of these 583 volumes and one pamphlet, were bought, 297 volumes and 386 pamphlets were presented, and 161 volumes were the results of binding periodicals.

The total of bills certified to by me for this library was \$2,544.75. Of this sum \$1,901.20 were for books and pamphlets; \$437.00 were for annual subscriptions to periodicals, and \$206.55 were for binding.

An examination of the medical books received from Dr. Ford's library, referred to in the report of last year as about 300 in number, showed that about one-half of them were duplicates of works already in the library. On the representation of the medical professors that these would be serviceable at the Hospital for the use of the nurses, they were sent thither. The remainder, among them some very rare volumes, were incorporated in the Medical Library.

The additions to the Law Library were 340 volumes.

One hundred and eleven (111) volumes were added to the Dental Library. Of these 73 volumes were bought and 38 were the result of binding periodicals.

Very respectfully submitted,

Oct. 16, 1895.

RAYMOND C. DAVIS, Librarian.





